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Inventor(s): **Stevenson et al.**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEEP-FRYING A CHIP FOOD PRODUCT**

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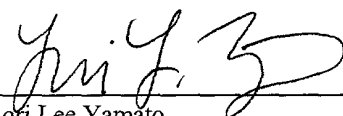
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